

Creative Writing class

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Welcome to Creative Writing at Torrance Cultural Arts Center. We're going to have a great class!

Here are some things you'll need:

A notebook, loose leaf, with lined paper and dividers

Pens or pencils and erasers

Access to a computer

We'll be doing exercises in class that you'll want to keep. There will also be exercises that you'll do on your own each week, and you need a place to keep them together and organized.

You will need to send me your creative writing samples preferably via email each week, so that I can edit and make suggestions. My email address is ellen@cowgirlcommunications.com. Please put "Creative Writing" and your name in the subject line so I'll know it's from you. Do not send as an attachment.

Please bring your notebook and pens, pencils, and erasers to class every week. Also, when you're learning to write fiction, it's important to read stories like the ones you want to write. Bring your free reading book to class each week as well.

I will be working with people individually as well as in a group. I will also have each of you learn to critique each other's work because it's important to learn how to give and take constructive criticism when you are learning to be a writer. Other people's opinions DO matter because they are who will be reading your work; however, we must learn how to critique without being critical. Everyone wants to feel good about their work – focus on what is working and see if you can bring the rest up to meet it.

Good Luck and Happy Writing!